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SUBJECT: SRI LANKA NOT DECIDED ON G-4 FRAMEWORK RESOLUTION

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Classified By: AMBASSADOR JEFFREY J. LUNSTEAD FOR REASONS 1(B) AND (D)

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1. (SBU) Ambassador raised issue of G-4 Framework Resolution on UNSC Expansion with Foreign Secretary Palihakkara on July 8, using points in reftel. Ambassador added that we recognized that Sri Lanka had given public support to the G-4's proposal for UNSC seats, but that this did not necessarily mean that Sri Lanka had to support this particular Resolution.

2. (SBU) Palihakkara responded that Sri Lanka's support for the G-4 was "particularly for India and Japan." He agreed that this was distinct from support for the Framework Resolution. He said that Sri Lanka had decided not to co-sponsor the resolution, "despite many requests." Sri Lanka was "keeping an open mind" and "recognized lots of difficulties" with the Resolution. He added that the process of continually adding amendments to the Resolution made it more problematic, and that the outcome of the recent African Summit added further complications.

3. (C) In an earlier separate conversation, Foreign Minister Kadirgamar told Ambassador that China was lobbying heavily to kill the Japanese bid. In fact, China recently had sent a special envoy to Sri Lanka solely for this purpose.

3. (SBU) COMMENT: Seems to us Sri Lanka is a potential "no" vote or at least an abstention if the Resolution comes to a vote, particularly if we can emphasize distinction between support for G-4 UNSC membership--which Sri Lanka is publicly wedded to--and support for this Resolution. Sri Lanka is also caught in a potentially painful squeeze between Japan and China.

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